

a synonym, Mr. Mathews has suggested *Owenavis* as a substitute name for *Mesocalius*.

4.—*Chalcococcyx* is connected with so much uncertainty that Mr. Mathews has suggested *Neochalcites* in the *Austral Avian Record*, vol. i., p. 5.

5.—*Amytornis*, Stejneger, 1885, is declared a *nomen nudum*. Oberholser, 1899, named *Malurus textilis* as the type for his substitute name *Diaphorillas*, and antedated Sharpe's "Hand-list," where *Malurus textilis* is given as the type of *Amytornis*. *Amytis* (not Savigny, 1826), Lesson, 1831, is preoccupied.

6 and 7.—*Meliphaga*, Lewin, 1812; type by subsequent designation of Gray, 1840, *Meliphaga chrysotis*, Lewin = *Meliphaga lewinii*, Swainson (the Yellow-eared Honey-eater). *Ptilotis*, Swainson, 1837, is based on the same species. Hence *Meliphaga* must be used for the Yellow-eared Honey-eater, and *Ptilotis* becomes a synonym of it.

Swainson, 1837, used *Zanthomiza* for *Merops phrygius*, Shaw, which, being the only species, became by monotypy the type of the new genus for the Regent Honey-eater.

8 and 9.—*Anthochaera carunculata*, Vigors and Horsfield, was confused with *Merops carunculata*, Latham. Apparently *Anthochaera* must be used for the Brush Wattle-Bird, and *Coleia* for the Red Wattle-Bird. The vernacular names of the Wattle-Birds have been transposed in the 1898 "yellow list," and also in Mathews' 1913 list.

10.—*Esacus* ("Check-list") v. *Orthorhamphus* (1913 list).

11.—*Campephaga* ("Check-list") v. *Lalage* (1913 list).

12.—*Centropus* ("Check-list") v. *Polophilus* (1913 list).

Ninety-one* of the R.A.O.U. "Check-list" genera are included in 82 genera of the new B.O.U. list. On the same basis the 333 "Check-list" genera might be grouped in about 300 genera.

The A.O.U. "Check-list of North American Birds" has 322 genera for 800 species.

The new B.O.U. "List of British Birds" has 206 genera for 423 species (475 species and sub-species).

The R.A.O.U. list might have on this generic basis 300 genera for 751 species ("Check-list"), 666 species (1913 list).

Mathews has used over 500 genera for the 666 species.

Accepting the B.O.U. genera and approximate generic standard—for, of course, there is no fixed generic standard—it should not be difficult for a second "Check-list" Committee to arrive at a generic list that all could accept.

B.—SPECIFIC NAMES.

An examination of the specific names of the "Official Check-list" shows that over 600 (80 %) of them are used by Mr. Matthews in his

* See list of genera in *The Emu*, vol. xv., part 1, 1915.